

Appl. No. 09/652,493
Amdt. Dated December 17, 2004
Reply to Office action of May 18, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 10, 2004, the claims submitted in the amendment document filed by Applicants on 11/18/04, were considered non-compliant. Claims 9-21 and 25-28 were not provided with the proper status identifier, and labeled as withdrawn. The claims at issue were labeled as canceled by Amendment submitted on 01/03/02. Applicants were required to correct the misidentified claims and re-submit the corrected section of the non-compliant amendment in its entirety.

Applicants have submitted herewith the corrected "Amendments to the claims" section in its entirety with the proper status identifiers for claims 9-21 and 25-28. Applicants believe that the corrected section is now in compliance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the amendment and response filed on 11/18/04 and withdraw the rejections for lack of enablement and indefiniteness.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw all rejections in view of the arguments presented in the amendment filed on 11/18/04. For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the accompanying amendments to the claims be entered and considered for this case.

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Applicants believe that no fees are required by this amendment. The Office is authorized to charge any necessary and additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 120690. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at (510) 495-2456.

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